(c) if so, the justification for not granting the said status to the people of Ranwai-Jaunpur and Thatyood area;

(d) whether his Ministry would consider the proposal of granting the tribal status to the said areas; and

(e) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a)to (e) Representations have been received for the inclusion of Rawaltas and Jaunpuris of Uttranchal in the list of Scheduled Tribes. It has been stated in the representations that, in respect of social and cultural traditions, they are akin to the Jaunsaris, who have been notified as a Scheduled Tribe in Uttranchal. The representations have been processed as per the modalities approved for deciding such claims. No specific time scheduled can be indicated at this stage, as the matter involves consultation with the concerned State Governments, the Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Further Scheduled Tribes status can only be conferred through on Act of parliament, after the Government of India's approval has been obtained.

Financial assistance under article 275 to States

2594. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of name of States which are entitled for financial assistance under Article 275 of the Constitution;

(b) the amount released during the last three financial years, State-wise;

(c) the approximate time by which the amount has been released; and

(d) the purpose for which the amount is released and utilized?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (b) A statement is Annexed. (*See* below).

(c) The entitled amounts are released to the States in 2-3 instalments within the financial year.

(d) Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution are released to various States for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes and for raising the level of infrastructure in Scheduled areas therein. A part of these grants is also utilized for the setting up of "EKLAVYA Model Residential Schools" in the States.

Statement

Grant released to various state Governments under article 275(1) of the Constitution during last three financial years

(Rs. in Laksh)

S. No.	States	Amount Released 2000-2001	Amount Released 2001-2002	Amount Released 2002-2003
1	2	3	4	5
1.	A.P.	460.50	2715.35	2160.30
2.	Assam	443.40	845.56	1023.40
3.	Bihar	0.00	209.35	209.00
4.	Gujarat	2250.00	3050.00	2250.00
5.	H.P.	99.50	78.00	80.00
6.	J and K	190.50	502.94	318.00
7.	Karnataka	420.00	1314.37	904.35
8.	Kerala	0.00	117.50	588.00
9.	M.P.	2057.84	4346.06	4052.32
10.	Maharashtra	1603.50	2672.50	2925.00
11.	Manipur	650.00	230.00	424.55
12.	Orissa	2957.10	4104.91	3641.50
13.	Rajasthan	1700.00	2550.00	2224.48
14.	Sikkim	327.88	239.38	83.00
15.	Tamil Nadu	63.00	405.00	210.00
16.	Tripura	287.50	462.50	665.50
17.	Uttar Pradesh	9.61	176.95	27.00
18.	West Bengal	835.50	1406.67	1543.00

1	2	3	4	5
19.	Arunachal Pradesh	376.55	200.00	300.00
20.	Meghalaya	477.00	0.00	555.00
21.	Mizoram	72.00	0.00	240.00
22.	Nagaland	950.00	0.00	0.00
23.	Jharkhand	1320.00	2208.15	2808.00
24.	Chhattisgarh	1530.62	2086.77	2689.50
25.	Uttaranchal	46.94	78.05	78.00
	TOTAL :	19128.94	30000.00	30000.00

Upliftment of primitive tribal groups

2595. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standing Committee on Labour and Welfare has expressed its displeasure over the efforts made by Government for the upliftment of the primitive tribal groups;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has pointed out that the progress made in relation to development of these groups is negligible;

(c) whether according to the report, his Ministry had till date got no authentic data of PTG population in the country;

(d) if so, whether number of suggestions in this regard have been made by the Committee;

(e) if so, how many of them have been implemented, so far?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The Ministry does not agree fully with the observations/ findings of the Committee However, the suggestions/ recommendations of the Standing Committee on Labour and Welfare contained in its 28th Report have been sent to the concerned States, UTs and Central Ministries for comments with a view to implement the same in an effective manner.